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Jesus' Authority Over Nature

Introduction/Review

(Luke 8:11-21)

In the previous section of Luke, Jesus taught on the importance of listening carefully to the Word of God, and to take heed of it. He gave two parables to explain what it meant to be a true follower of His, and the evidence of such a relationship to Him. The evidence of being true followers of Jesus will be seen in God's word in our lives and our relationship to Him.

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(Luke 8:22-25)

Let's focus in on the dialogue found in this Scripture passage.

Jesus: *"Let ____ go over to the other side of the lake."*

Disciples: *"Master, Master, ____ are perishing!"*

Jesus: *"Where is ____ faith?"*

Disciples: *"Who then is this, that He commands even the winds and the water and they obey Him?"*

If Jesus is with us, we have nothing to fear. And if Jesus promises us something, He will fulfill it.

Jesus' Authority Over Our Nature

(Luke 8:15, 22; James 1:2-4; John 14:1-4)

Suffering will arise in our lives, but the real issue is our faith in God. The testing of our faith produces endurance. Our nature is at peace and content, when we turn to Jesus in faith and obey His commandments. We can rest assured in Jesus' promises, knowing with certainty that He is indeed in control, and that all is well when He is with us!

Things to Ponder This Week

Based on Luke 8:22, how did the disciples exercise their faith in and obedience to Jesus? Is there something that Jesus has told you to do recently, and if so, how did you respond to Him? How is our obedience to Jesus an exercise of our faith in Him?

Based on Luke 8:23-24, how did the disciples respond to the storm (fearful circumstance) they faced? How did Jesus respond to the same storm? What can you learn from the disciple's response? What can you learn from Jesus' response? Are you going through a fearful circumstance right now? Seek the Lord in prayer regarding this matter.

Based on Luke 8:25, what was the question Jesus asked His disciples? What was the disciples' response to what Jesus did? How would you respond to Jesus' question? How would you respond to the disciples' question regarding Jesus? Prayerfully consider how you might answer the following question: Who then is this, that He commands even us and desires us to obey Him?

Next Sunday, we will look together at "Jesus' Authority Over Spirits". Prayerfully read Luke 8:26-39, and consider what it must have been like for the man who had the demons cast out of him, and those who saw what happened. What are the implications of what Jesus did?